THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Government favours active support and involvement of private participation for funding and management of educational institutions subject to reasonable surplus earned and the same being ploughed back for development of institutions. The Eleventh Plan document as approved by the National Development Council, also mentions the need to explore private sector initiatives and various forms of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the education sector.

(c) Government has already decided to set up 2500 Model Schools and 300 Polytechnics under Public Private Partnership mode during Eleventh Plan period. A proposal for setting up of 20 new Indian Institutes of Information Technology in various parts of the country under PPP mode is also under consideration.

(d) During interaction with various stakeholders to discuss setting up of model schools in the PPP mode, some of the participants had raised the broad issue of functional autonomy for the model schools to be set up in PPP mode.

Setting up of Central University in Uttar Pradesh

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plan to set up 15 Central universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Location-wise;

(c) whether any of these universities will be set up in Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when these universities are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Central Universities Act, 2009 providing for establishment of 15 Central Universities has already come into force on 15.1.2009. These Universities would be located in the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The proposal was to provide one Central University to each of such States which did not have a Central University. The State of Uttar Pradesh already has four Central Universities.

(e) Fourteen of these Universities have already come into existence.